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Council Offices,
Hartley Wintney,
Hants.



HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health:

W. Walmsley, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H., (Manc).

Chief Sanitary Inspector

G. C. Maslin, A.M.I.S.E., C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

D. J. Davies, C.R.S.I., S.I.E.J.B., M.S.I.A.

Chief Clerk:

C. H. Tuck.

Typist-Clerk:

Miss E. H. Spencer.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1954.

Area: 50,261 acres.

Population 24,910 (estimated mid-year 1954)
(Census 1951 - 22,689)

Number of inhabited houses: 6400

Sum represented by pennyrate: £712

Rateable Value: £177,386.

General Rate £1.0s.10d. in the £.

Birth Rate. 15.1 (crude): 17.7. (standardised).

Death Rate. 9.47 (crude): 9.3. (standardised).

Infantile death rate per 1,000 births: 37.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis: 2.

Tuberculosis death rate:	Pulmonary	.08
(Per thousand).	Non-Pulmonary	-

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORTFOR1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hartley Wintney Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for
the year 1954, prepared in accordance with the Ministry of
Health Circular 28/54 of 15th December, 1954.

The general health of the district was satisfactory.
Measles notifications were 9, as against 542 in 1953. Whooping
Cough notifications were 101 as against 27 in 1953. Poliomyelitis
cases numbered 2. Tuberculosis cases were 11, which is about the
annual rate. No diphtheria cases were notified. There were no
unusual outbreaks of any kind. Lung Cancer accounted for
eight deaths, 7 male and 1 female, out of 42 deaths attributed
to Malignant disease. Most deaths were due to forms of heart
disease, 101 out of a total number of 236 deaths.

The population figure, as estimated by the Registrar
General is ten less at 24,910.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births. = 378

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Total</u>	191	187
Legitimate	183	176
Illegitimate	8	11

Birth Rate (per thousand population) 17.7.

Still Births. = 5

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Total</u>	4	1
Legitimate	4	1
Illegitimate	-	-

Rate (per 1,000 total births) 13

Rate for England and Wales 24

Deaths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Total</u> = 236.	110	126

Rate (per thousand population) 9.3

Rate for England and Wales 11.3.

Deaths from puerperal causes Nil

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age 15

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Total.</u>	9	6
Legitimate	8	6
Illegitimate	1	-

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year	(per 1,000 live births)	37.
" " " " " " "	(per 1,000 legitimate)	38.9.
" " " " " " "	(per 1,000 illegitimate births)	52.6.

Deaths (Contd).Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks = 7.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total	6	1
Legitimate	5	1
Illegitimate	1	-

Deaths from Cancer	42
Deaths from Measles	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough	Nil
Deaths from Poliomyelitis	Nil

Birth Rate of the District

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Birth Rate England and Wales.</u>
1952	386	19.6	15.3
1953	381	19.7	15.5
1954	371	17.7	15.2

Death Rates of the District

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>England and Wales Death Rate</u>
1952	212	8.3	11.3
1953	275	11.14	11.4
1954	236	9.3	11.3

Infant Mortality Rates of the District

<u>Year</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 live births</u>	<u>England and Wales Rate per thousand live births</u>
1952	386	7	20	27.6
1953	381	9	23.6	26.8
1954	378	15	37.	25.5

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis (Respiratory).	2	-	2
Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	-
Cancer - Stomach	4	-	4
Lung	8	7	1
Breast	6	-	6
Uterus	1	-	1
Other Malignant diseases	23	14	9
Leukaemia	3	1	2
Diabetes	2	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	29	9	20
Coronary disease , angina.	30	17	13
<u>Total carried forward</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR (Cont)

5.

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total Brought Forward.	110	50	60
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	1
Other heart disease	55	20	35
Other circulatory disease	13	7	6
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	12	4	8
Bronchitis	4	1	3
Other diseases of respiratory system.	2	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	1	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	3	2	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	8	2
Motor vehicle accidents	3	3	-
All other accidents	11	4	7
Suicide	4	3	1
Homicide	-	-	-
Total	<u>236</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>126</u>

NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number notified during the year 1954 was 156.

Comparative Table of Infectious Diseases notified.

	1952.	1953.	1954.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary)			10
Non-Pulmonary)	12	13	1
Dysentery Bacillary	-	5	1
Food Poisoning	-	13	1
Scarlet Fever	15	11	17
Erysipelas	-	-	1
Pneumonia	9	10	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	47	27	101
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1
Poliomyelitis (corrected)	1	4	2
Paralytic	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-
Measles.	7	542	9

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was taken under this Section.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND DEATHS.

<u>Year</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
1952	12 (all forms)		3 (all forms)	
1953	11	2	1	1
1954	10	1	2	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

There are 4 District Nurses, who are qualified midwives. The County Council, since 5th July, 1948 has administered the District Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service.

HOME HELP SERVICE

Hartley Wintney is in Division 1, which includes also Aldershot, Farnborough and Fleet. The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. Meehan and the office for this area is at the Town Hall, Farnborough (Tel. Farnborough 1400). Mrs. Meehan has kindly supplied these figures.

During 1954. 69 families received aid from the service - as follows :-

Maternity	15	Aged & Infirm	5
General Sickness	14	Post Maternity	1
Post Operation	4	Tuberculosis	2
Child Care	2	Old cases on	
Aged & Sick	7	books	19
			Total
			69

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Patients are treated at the Northfield Isolation Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 271) when hospital treatment is required.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Headquarters Depot, Laburnum Road, Aldershot serves the Hartley Wintney District. All enquiries should be made to the Senior Head Driver (Aldershot 2244).

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

The arrangements in this district are

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Part of District covered.</u>
Mrs. G. Early, S.R.N. S.C.M.	Brickfield House, Heath Lane, Crondall.	Crondall.
Miss Hardingham, S.R.N. S.C.M. H.V.	1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley.	Heckfield Mattingley Rotherwick
Mrs. D. E. Stevens, S.R.N. S.C.M.	Becketts Cottage, Hartley Wintney.	Hartley Wintney
Miss Rogers S.R.N. S.C.M.	Crownfield Cottage, Odiham.	Odiham

HOSPITAL SERVICES

There are 3 hospitals in the area.

1. Odiham Cottage Hospital (Winchester Group) has 8 beds and 1 cot. This includes 1 private ward.
2. Yateley and District Hospital (Farnham Group) has 14 beds and 1 private ward.

3. Winchfield Hospital (Winchester Group). This is a hospital of 166 beds - mostly devoted to chronic sick patients. There is a Maternity Unit of 4 beds. The Welfare Section Part III accommodation is now closed.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Laboratory Service for this area is at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hants. County Hospital, Winchester (Tel.No.3807) and the Director is Dr.H.T. Findley. All types of bacteriological examinations are done. Chemical examinations of water are carried out by the Public Analyst at Reading.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

Hartley Wintney.	Edward Memorial Hall	<u>Day held</u> 1st Tuesday - at 2.p.m.
Yateley	British Legion Hall.	2nd & 4th Thursday.
Eversley	Village Hall.	1st Tuesday.
Odiham.	(1) Dunleys Hut, High Street. (2) Families' Social Club R.A.F. Station.	2nd & 4th Friday 1st & 3rd Wednesday.

Orthopaedic Clinic. administered by the Regional Hospital Board and Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital Alton.

The Clinic for this district is held at Aldershot School Clinic, St.Georges Road East, Aldershot.

Surgeons Clinic 1st Tuesday a.m. in each month.

Remedial. Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, all day.

A Clinic is also held at Bramblys Grange Health Centre Basingstoke, (by appointment).

Tuberculosis Clinic.

This is a Regional Hospital Board responsibility but the County Council deal with certain aspects such as contacts, care and after care.

Clinics are held at
Northfield Hospital Redan Road, Aldershot.

Monday 9.30.a.m. old patients by appointment -
2.00.p.m. refills.

Tuesday 9.30.a.m. old patients by appointment
11.15.a.m. new patients.
1.30.p.m. old patients by appointment.

Basingstoke, Brambly's Grange Health Centre.

Thursday 11.00.a.m. new patients.
2.00.p.m. Refills.

Friday 9.45.a.m. old patients.

Venereal Diseases Clinic. Northfield Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot

Males Monday 5.p.m. - 7.p.m.

Females Wednesday 9 - 12 noon 2 - 4 p.m.

Speech Clinic

The School Clinic, St. Georges Road East, Aldershot.

Every Tuesday and Friday by appointment, all day.

A Clinic is also held at Brambllys Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke.

Cleansing clinic. These clinics were closed 31.3.55.

Eye Clinic. This is a Regional Hospital Board responsibility administered through the County Council. It is held at the School Clinic St. Georges Road East, Aldershot by appointment only, every Thursday afternoon, and also at Brambllys Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke.

Dental Clinic. (for school and pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers) is by appointment. These are at Aldershot and Basingstoke School Clinic Centres.

Child Guidance. School Clinic, St. Georges Road East, Aldershot held every Monday and Wednesday by appointment.

Family Planning Clinic.

Manor Park House Aldershot. 1st 2nd 3rd Friday in each month
2 - 4 p.m.

Brambllys Grange, County Council Health Centre, Basingstoke.
1st and 3rd Friday, 2 - 4 p.m.

Health Visitors for the area are:

	<u>Area served</u>
Mrs. Crone, S.R.N. S.C.M., H.V. 94 Stratfield Road, Basingstoke.	Fleet, Eversley and Yateley.
Miss E. Simpson, S.R.N., S.C.M. Crookham Welfare Centre. Crookham.	Crookham, Dogmersfield and Hartley Wintney.
Miss Button S.R.N., S.C.M. H.V. Newnham, Nr. Hook.	Hook, Odiham, Hartley Wespass, Crondall.
Miss Hardingham S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. (also District Nurse). 1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley.	Heckfield, Mattingley Rotherwick.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Vaccination. This is done normally by arrangement with the patients own doctor. It can also be done at the Welfare Centres. The Health Department make arrangements on request. The combined Whooping Cough and Diphtheria vaccine was made available by the County on 9th May, 1955.

In 1954 331 primary and 63 secondary inoculations were given to children under 15 years of age. The child population under 15 years is approximately 4,700 and the immunized total was 2842 in 1954 giving an immunized state of 53%.

Vaccination against Small-Pox.

The Rate for babies under 12 months vaccinated expressed as percentage of babies born in 1954 was 90.7% the County rate being 56.9%, the highest rate in the county.

Venereal Disease.

No cases were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer during the year.

Disinfection of rooms after infectious disease has occurred is carried out on request. 13 premises were disinfected during the year by formalin.

<u>Climate.</u>	<u>Rainfall</u> figures supplied by the Surveyor.	<u>Sunshine hours</u> registered by the Meteorological Officer at the R.A.E. Farnborough.
<u>Month</u>		
January	1.04.	57.7.
February	2.63.	58.6.
March	2.14.	103.0.
April	.27.	190.1.
May	2.27.	157.7.
June	3.20.	112.6.
July	2.34.	91.4.
August	3.84.	120.1.
September	2.28.	163.0.
October	2.30.	81.9.
November	4.61.	45.2.
December	2.48.	50.0.
Total	29.40 inches (746 m.m.)	1231.3. hours.

Water Supply.

Water is supplied by the Mid Wessex Water Company over the greater part of the district.

The supply is adequate, chlorinated and satisfactory. The hardness varies from 16.5 to 21 grains per gallon. The Statutory limit is 12 grains per gallon but by virtue of a temporary relaxation order made by the Minister of Housing and Local Government this limit may be and indeed is at present exceeded.

The Parish of Hartley Wintney has its own water supply for a population of 3,000. The quality is satisfactory and it is a soft water with a plumbo solvent action. It is treated by filtration, neutralization and chlorination. The number of premises supplied in the parish is 827 of which, 754 were dwelling houses. The quantity is deficient in the summer and supplies have to be made up by taking a supply from the Mid Wessex Water Company. There is a mains connection which enables this to be done.

There are about 240 wells in the district. 12 samples of water were taken during the year of which one was unsatisfactory and an alternative source provided.

FACTORIES.Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	17	10	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	116	34	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	133	44	3	

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness.	5	5			
Sanitary Conveniences. Unsuitable or defective.	6	6			
TOTAL	11	11			

RODENT CONTROL. - Annual Report.

Rodent Control Report for the year ending December 31st, 1954.

The Council is represented on the Rodent Control Committee for the North Hants. Area.

All premises treated are charged for on the basis of size of infestation and cost of time and materials used.

Sewers.

The Annual test baiting of sewers was carried out during July, 1954. The Cricket Green Area at Hartley Wintney was again shown to be infested. The area was treated with Zinc Phosphide.

Period Contracts.

During 1954, 23 properties were under Annual Contract. The value being £370. The type of property under contract was 20 Farms, 2 Hospitals, 2 Aerodromes, 1 school and The National Gas Turbine Establishment at Cove.

Records supplied to Ministry of Agriculture, number of properties treated for year ending 31st December, 1954.

Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business	Agriculture
31	259	93	129

Pest Destruction and Disinfections.

The destruction of wasps nests and the disinfection of certain premises was also carried out.

Sewerage.

The Surveyor, Mr. Mitchell, has kindly supplied this information.

Public Sewerage Schemes for Crondall, Crookham and Yateley were started in 1954 but are not yet completed. It is expected that Crookham Scheme will be completed in 1955.

Public Cleansing and Salvage.

Hartley Wintney is swept once a week in winter and twice in summer. The A.30 road runs through this district and many coaches stop here en route.

Odiham is swept once a week.

The Sanitary Inspector is responsible for the administration of Refuse Collection and Salvage Disposal.

Housing.

The Surveyor supplies this information :-

Permanent Houses completed in 1954.

Council Houses	185
Private Houses	55
Total	240

Houses in construction on 1.1.55.

Council Houses	99
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Post War Houses erected in District.

Council Houses	1040
Private Enterprise Houses.	300

Total	1340	on 31st December, 1954.
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Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Certificates of Disrepair - Nil

Housing Improvement Grants. for period ending 31st March, 1955.

Number of properties 35
 Total Grants approved £10,314

The Housing Lettings Committee and Sub-Committee meet monthly to consider Housing Applications.

Caravans.

There are 102 licensed caravans in the district.

Housing Statistics.

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 77

Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.. .. 4

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings not to re-let for human habitation were .. accepted 11

Proceedings under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953:-

(1) Closing Orders made under Section 10 1

Milk Supply.

There are 31 retailers of graded milks, including 13 supplementary licences. There is one pasteurising plant. 62 Milk Samples were taken during the year, of which one was unsatisfactory.

Food.

Food Premises in the district are inspected; byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 are in operation.

Ice Cream.

24 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

Food Condemned.

Tinned Foods	331½ lbs.
Fish	34 lbs.
Meat	437½ lbs.
Various	190¾ lbs.

Shops.

The County Council administers the Shops Act. The Sanitary Provisions in Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 is administered by the District, as the Local Sanitary Authority.

Food Poisoning. There were no outbreaks in 1954.

Slaughter House.

There is one slaughter house in operation, at Odiham which was re-licensed in 1954.

The Sanitary Inspectors inspect all meat killed.

Blackbushe Civil Airport.

This Airport, which is a busy one, is situated in the district. The A.30 road runs through it.

Dr. Sharkey, the Air Port Medical Officer, has kindly sent a short report for the year 1954.

Port Health - Blackbushe Airport.

"In the past twelve months there has been a considerable increase in incoming traffic at this Airport, but I am glad to report that there has been very little communicable disease.

I have been called on several occasions to see passengers reported ill en route and on only one occasion has action been necessary from a Public Health point of view. On this occasion two returning holiday makers from Majorca were found to be quite ill, suffering from dysenteric symptoms. They were taken into a local hospital until symptoms subsided and then proceeded to Edinburgh and Peterborough respectively.

Pathological examination proved a shing dysentery and the information was passed to the Medical Officers of Health concerned through the usual channels.

Information was received from a Medical Officer of Health that a steward on one of the airliners was suffering from a notifiable dysenteric infection and the Company was requested to take him off duty till proved free from infection.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of aliens on Ministry of Labour Permits passing through the port, but it was not found necessary on examination to refuse any of them entry on Medical grounds.

It was found desirable to change quarters with the immigration officials in order to allow them visual access to the apron. The new quarters have been found eminently suitable from a medical point of view.

There have been several fog diversions from London Air Port and on each occasion I have found it possible to attend.

Statistics.

Form Part 17 - Return of Aliens 31st December, 1954.

Air Craft Carrying aliens - 554.

Total aliens excepting transits and crew 1086 + Air Force 6390
Medically inspected - 1.

Form Part 18. 30th June - 31st December, 1954 29,044.

March	30th	28	Ministry of Labour Permits.			
April	18th	1				
"	24th	1				
"	30th	11	"	"	"	"
May	3rd	35	"	"	"	"
"	25th	29	"	"	"	"
June	12th	6	"	"	"	"
"	20th	1				
July	9th	2	"	"	"	"
August	5th	1	"	"	"	"
August	31st	1	"	"	"	"

September	21st	1	Ministry of Labour	Permit
October	7th	1	"	"
November	4th	2	"	"
		1	"	"

J.A. SHARKEY, M.B., CH.B.

Port Medical Officer. "

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest in the work of the Department and to the Staff for their help and assistance, throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Walmsley.